GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH .
Kashyap Shri Virender

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the problems being faced by the construction companies in constructing roads in hilly areas including Himachal Pradesh due to large forest area;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard;

(c) whether the Government provides any special concession under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for construction of roads in hilly areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any delay in construction of road from Theog to Rohru in Himachal Pradesh and if so, the reasons therefore and the action taken by the construction company for the delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (b) Necessary steps are taken to obtain requisite clearances including forest clearance for the construction of all National Highway projects in the country including those in hilly areas wherever forest areas are involved to avoid problems during construction.

(c) No special concession under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is provided for construction of roads in Hilly area.

(d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development of National Highways in the country. Road from Theog to Rohru is not a National Highway.